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SYSTEM

PHONE 357-0704

September 28, 1972

Mr. V. A. Hann, Vice Pres. - Operations  
Mikropul, Inc.  
35 Chatham Rd.  
Summit, N. J.

Dear Mr. Hann:

Inclosed is a copy of a letter we received today from the Columbia Willamette Air Pollution Authority. The letter promises very serious consequences to this company for failure to comply with emission control requirements of the Authority.

We have spent a great deal of money in an effort to comply with the requirements of the Authority and the critical situation we now find ourselves in is caused by the failure of your equipment to meet specified requirements.

In October of 1971 we ordered from Burhans-Sharpe, your representative in this area, 1 Model 80 G-3 Mikro-Pulsaire Dust Collector and 1 Model 1-F-3 Mikro Pulsaire Dust Collector. The units were manufactured locally by Ted Nelson Company and delivered in early December 1971.

The Model 80 G-3 was purchased for use in collecting dust from our remanufacturing operation, a process that runs twenty four hours a day five days per week.

The Model 1F-3 was purchased for use in collecting dust from our Headrig operation, a process that runs twenty four hours a day seven days per week.

We elected to start up the Model 80-G-3 first, serving the remanufacturing process, because we would have week end down time to cope with any problems encountered in start up. It is fortunate that we selected this option. The Model 80 G-3 was put into operation the week of March 19, 1972 and on March 31 was completely plugged with dust. Since that time we have had a continuing problem of plugging until in recent weeks we have had the collector shut down for cleaning as much as six hours per day. Your people are just now completing drawings for a modified Collector, changing the height and intake arrangements. The drawings are scheduled to be mailed today to Ted Nelson Company in Portland.

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We have had two fires in the Model 80 G-3 collector. The insurance inspector is of the opinion that the excessive fire damage was caused by the presence of large quantities of dust supporting combustion when the collector had failed to purge properly.

The Model 1 F-3 Collector has not been put into operation. As stated earlier the Model 1 F-3 was purchased for use on the Headrig Dust Collection System. The board going through the Headrig comes from an eight deck 375 foot long dryer that is in continuous operation. There would be no way to shut down the Model 1 F-3 oven for a matter of a few minutes to clean the dust collector. It is for this reason and the fact that we have had what appears to be insurmountable problems with the undersized Model 80 G-3 that we have not started up the Model 1 F-3

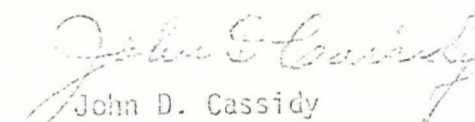
We have had frequent and continuing communication with various representatives of your company beginning last April, all to no avail.

The Columbia Willamette Air Pollution Authority is now requiring a firm commitment by October 9, 1972 of definite steps that will be taken to bring this plant into compliance with their regulations. We firmly believe that your company is totally responsible for any commitment made to the Authority, and we expect you to furnish us forthwith a proposed schedule of corrective measures, not only for the Model 80 G-3 but also for the Model 1 F-3. To date we have had no comment from your company with respect to the Model 1 F-3.

May we have your reply immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Kaiser Gypsum Company, Inc.

  
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